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By Meghan Pennell

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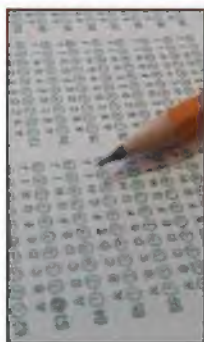


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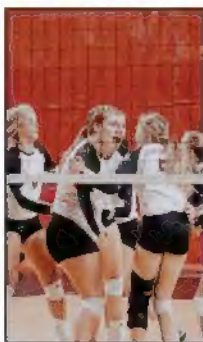
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# Making American politics great again

By Emelia Richling



Over the past several decades, through multiple presidents and on all sides of the political world, America has been sliding down a slippery slope, one where the end doesn't seem to be in sight. Our country is caught in a limbo of divisiveness, pulling our nation apart until we are so polarized that Americans are caught in a system that disregards their rights and opinions.

There was a time when progress was natural for our country, compromise was an expectation and finding common ground made the political atmosphere one that encouraged success. It wasn't perfect, but it allowed room for progress to be made. Then, polarization and division infiltrated our political system, stalling Congress from following through on routine measures, passing budgets on time and respecting the citizens it serves.

When Lee Hamilton arrived in politics in the late 1950s, Americans were waging war against racism and poverty, making substantial gains over the subsequent decades. However, by the turn of the century, politics would become progressively more divided.

Hamilton published an article in the Illinois Times in 2019 depicting his political journey. He stated it was hard to determine the exact moment when American politics began its demise, but it may have been catalyzed when President Ronald Reagan touted the idea that the government was the problem rather than the solution. This simple statement shifted politics from low-intensity to high-scale.

Over the 36 years Hamilton served in the House of Representatives, he said the number of lobbyists multiplied and the media became more aggressive. Instead of passing bills or solving partisan issues, politics became more about meeting the constant demands of one side or another.

The political sphere has become an intense fire, burning down people's hopes because of the flame's intensity.

Corruption and discrimination run wild. Instead of taking steps forward, we have moved backward. Accomplishment is no longer an expectation; it is an exception in a high-scale, aggressive system.

On a domestic level, we have allowed the decades of corruption to continue. On a foreign level, this has been evident for the countries that have watched our nation.

Trudy Rubin, a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, states in an article published in November that French newspapers and German parliamentarians view our nation as one that is in trouble. They conclude it is evident in our leaders' lack of respect for the law and the gaping holes in the validity of our voting process.

The reputation of America is tarnished, but there are always ways to revive what was once golden.

It is time for the American political system to be bled dry of its corruption and discrimination. It is time for American people and politics to work for each other. It is time for our political system to respect every individual. This is long overdue, and, in this year, we must hold our politicians accountable for the rights we, as human beings, deserve.

As the people of the United States, we must ensure our country and the politics that preside over us protect rights for all.

We need a system built on inclusivity, not exclusivity for those who can check boxes, like status, race and wealth. We need a system that allows the Dreamers to keep on dreaming. We need a system that supports the people.

Our country has never before held itself to the expectation of liberty and justice for all. You and I are part of something great, and it is our job to ensure that the political system is supporting the greatness of our nation. We don't need to accept a polarized society that supports the lucky few. We can support a system that builds up every citizen and gives every individual liberty and justice. Finally, for the first time, we can make it for all.

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# Getting to know: Carol Beins

By Gabriel Lorenzo



**What is your position at Northwest?**

"[I am a] resource teacher."

**Have you taught before?**

"Yes, this is my 14th year teaching. I've been in Grand Island, Hastings, Doniphan and Manhattan, Kansas."

**What brought you to Northwest?**

"I just wanted to come home. I have been in Manhattan for six years and I have two kids in Lincoln, so I wanted to be close with them."

**Is there anything you want your students to know about you?**

"I just want to tell them to always get their work done. I say that because I care about them. I just want the best for them to be successful."

**Are you involved in anything outside of school?**

"No."

**What is an interesting fact about you?**

"I have a daughter who is a micropaleontologist."

# Getting to know: Jared Hansen

By Gabriel Lorenzo

**What is your position at Northwest?**

"I am the accompanist for the vocal music department and the Drama I teacher."

**Have you taught before?**

"Yes, I graduated college in 2006. I've taught music, skiing, etc. I've been a tutor in many classes. I have been in Grand Island Senior High since 2014 doing the same here."

**What brought you to Northwest?**

"This is where I have been to high school. It was an opportunity to go back to school."

**Is there anything you want your students to know about you?**

"The main thing is that my door is always open. I want a really good experience in high school. I am here to support [anyone]."

**Are you involved in anything outside of school?**

"Yes, I play piano and pipe organ for churches around here. I played for semi-professional choirs. I have also sung in choirs."

**What is an interesting fact about you?**

"I lived in India for a while. I taught there. I love to travel. I was a cook at an Indian restaurant. I am looking to get a pilot's license."





# Stop the finals countdown

By Emily Krupicka

At the end of each semester, chaos and panic erupts inside school halls. As teachers rush to explain material taught at the beginning of the year, students frantically work to cram in their last study session. That won't be the case this year.

During the middle of the first semester, after heavy deliberation, the Northwest High School administration team declared to teachers that cumulative finals would not occur for the 2020-2021 school year, nor likely in the future. This decision resulted from the many revisions the district had to make with how assessments would work due to the global pandemic.

When teachers announcing the good news to students, many were taken by surprise.

"When I heard the announcement, it was like a weight being lifted off my shoulders," explained junior Meghan Pennell. "With everything going on, school has already been really stressful. Having finals would be just another thing to worry about."

The long-awaited decision, in part, came after considering the impact that COVID-19 has on students' learning.

"When students abruptly shifted to online classes last year, many kids became academically disoriented," said Principal Tim Krupicka. "And, if we were to end up having some kids in quarantine during the time we would normally be taking finals, there would be discrepancies. It's just better this way."

Chemistry Teacher Dave Olson agreed with Krupicka's sentiments, adding that the decision was an appropriate adjustment due to "the disjointment that COVID has caused."

He also explained his personal thoughts on the topic.

"At the high school level, it's more advantageous to have numerous tests rather than just one. Although finals can measure students' comprehension, it's important to remember that it's just one aspect, and there are many other factors of learning."

Olson's statements, although important this year, also hold relevance for the future and will be taken into consideration when deciding what will occur for future students.




"We're going to see how our decision with finals turns out this year and use that to make a decision in the coming years," Krupicka said. "We hope that we're doing the right thing for our students' learning, especially with everything going on."

This trend of disproportionate learning challenges has been a constant in the 2020-2021 school year, but students are still hopeful that they will finish out the year on a high note.

"Since I won't have to worry about studying for finals, I can spend more time preparing for unit tests and quizzes," Pennell explained. "Maybe this year won't be so bad after all."

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## Northwest One Act

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# Game-changing volleyball team celebrates 20 years at state

By Emelia Richling & Emily Krupicka

highest win total in Nebraska history. Inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame for sports, recipient of the Doyle Denney Heart of a Coach Legacy Award and honored with the prestigious National Coach of the Year title, there is no doubt Rouzee has left a lasting impact.

"I started coaching volleyball in 1984," Rouzee explained. "My goal many years ago was to put a good volleyball team on the floor every year. I wanted to leave a legacy of excellence, and I feel that I've accomplished that."

To the people who have played or coached volleyball, it is more than just a sport. It is a way to nourish friendships, build skills and grow as resilient individuals.

Rouzee spoke about the process that goes into volleyball and how she loves every minute of it, from helping the team learn, seeing them grow and watching them gain the confidence to be successful.

An individual who has grown and gained confidence in her skills is senior Ellie Apfel, a middle hitter and blocker, who has played for four years on the varsity team.

"Volleyball has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember," Apfel said. "I had the best four years of my life playing volleyball for Northwest, and I wouldn't change it for the world."

Apfel's sentiment reflects an attitude that's shared between both coaches and players. Despite losing the first round of the state tournament, the team has shown their dedication and sportsmanship, playing fearlessly in all circumstances.

"It's an awesome feeling to be able to be the team that has been to state for 20 years in a row," Apfel said. "Every year, it's a challenge, and I'm really glad that I was able to do it with this group of people."

Even though the volleyball team has changed over the 20 year streak, there are numerous individuals, including head coaches, assistant coaches and players, who have all left their imprint on the team, shaping the past and the future.

"Although the faces of players change and the faces of coaches change, I still feel very involved with the volleyball team, even if I'm not coaching anymore," Rouzee said. "We owe it to all the players that came before them to give their best efforts; the streak started before they were born."

Next year, the volleyball team has the chance to break the Nebraska record, attending state for 21 years in a row. The dedication and hard work exemplified by the volleyball team over the years shows that they are game-changing and record-breaking, a team built on fearless determination and founded on the principles of sportsmanship set by Rouzee and carried through by Harders and the volleyball girls in the past and present.

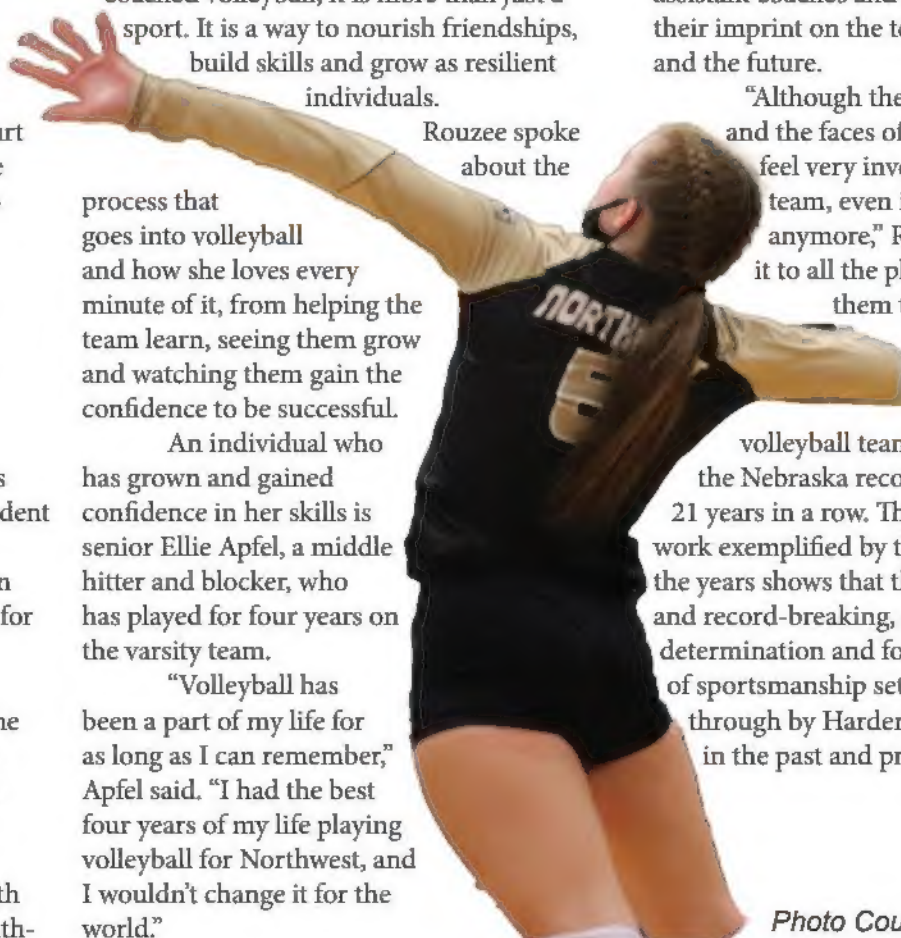


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Tension threads through the air, spiking the adrenaline in the handful of players on the court, the dozen cheering from the side and the hundreds watching from the stands. Northwest's volleyball team is on the state court for their 20th year in a row, accepting the challenge with confidence and determination as they have for the past two decades.

With the longest active streak in Nebraska, NW volleyball has seen a lot of teams and several changes at state, but this year was especially different. Limited crowd sizes, masked attendees and an ensuing pandemic was not the expectation for state volleyball in the past.

What has stayed the same over the two-decade streak is the amount of dedication and hard work the players have put into volleyball. Both on and off the court as well as in and out of practices, they were mentally and physically putting in effort to become better players and people.

"We ask the girls to do quite a bit during the summer and off season," said Lindsey Harders, the head coach. "If they commit to it and work hard, they improve coming into the season."

Practices on the court and extra workout sessions have translated to success during games, making the girls more confident when they are netting points for the team.

"The girls want to keep the tradition alive, so, luckily, it is a self-driven mindset for a lot of them," Harders said.

For the 20 years of tradition the volleyball team has maintained, much of the success can be attributed to Former Coach Dianne Rouzee, who served as head coach for the first 17 years of the streak. During this time, she led the team to three state championships and six runner-up titles with a 768-183 record, leaving her with the eighth-



# Vlogging through high school

By Meghan Pennell

"The first one that really did good was teaching myself how to skate," Earl said. "I uploaded it in July, and then it really blew up in December."

Earl's videos range in topic, from daily vlogs to product reviews, but most of Earl's videos are about being in high school. She currently has 5,000 subscribers on her YouTube channel, and most of her videos have 300 views. Some of her more popular videos do have up to 14,000 views.

"I think my skating videos usually do the best," Earl said. "But I just like making videos I know I would watch. Sometimes I go back and watch them just to look back on good days I've had."

She really began uploading videos when quarantine began. It began with one video a week, and now she sticks to uploading every Monday and Thursday, no matter how busy her schedule gets.

"It's a lot to balance sometimes," Earl said.

Alyssa also uses her video design and editing skills to help out with NJ here at Northwest, and has a podcast with a few other Digital Media students. She is very passionate about the media work she's done inside and outside of school.

"A lot of it's trial and error," Earl said. "I use my iPhone to film and iMovie to edit. That's what I've always done, but I always find ways to improve my videos and have more fun editing them too."

Earl ideally would like to make YouTube videos for as long as she could. Currently she does make money from the ads straight from YouTube.

"So if you watch my videos don't skip the ad," Earl said with a smile.

She also has been reached out to by many brands including a blue light glasses company, and many different clothing companies.

"I mostly do it for fun though," Earl said. "I never expected anything like this to happen really."

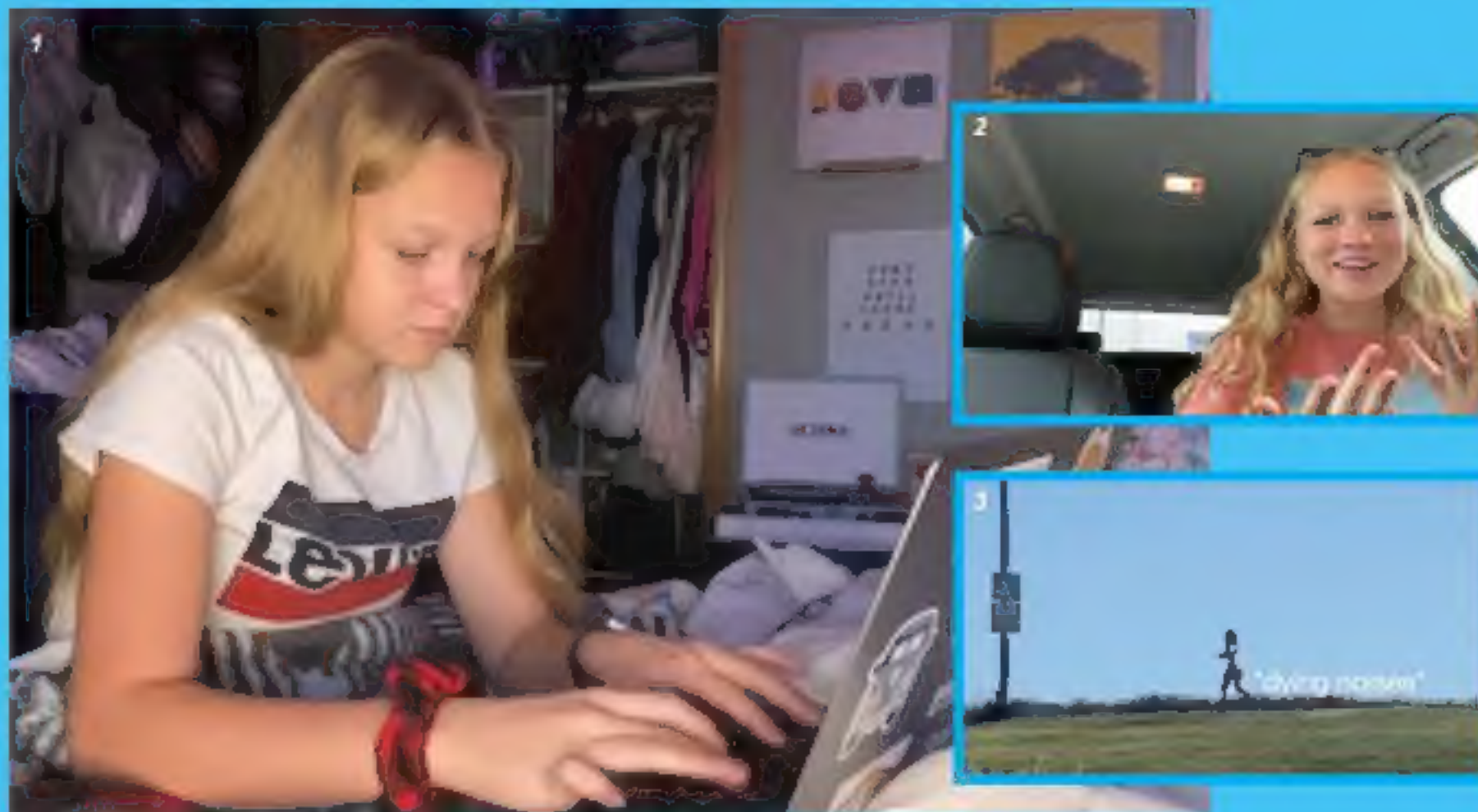
Earl's videos can be found under her channel name "Alyssa Leanne" or links on her Instagram and other social media platforms under the same username.

"My advice to anyone wanting to make videos would be consistency," Earl said. "And making content you believe in."

1) In the video: "Getting Things Done! (A Productive Last Day of Quarantine)," Earl takes viewers through some of her editing and uploading process.

2) In a video uploaded in August, Earl tells viewers about getting her braces off.

3) Earl runs through Tornado Hill for a cross-country vlog. Often Earl uses her editing skills to add funny comments or transitions to her videos.



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alysa leanne  
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# New Businesses Coming soon to Grand Island

By Danyka Galvan

In spite of 2020 being a Jumanji game filled with different letdowns around every corner, there are a few positives that residents could look forward to. Grand Island is introducing three new popular food options. With a growing town, it is very important for the city to keep up with the quickly changing society. Businesses need to be brought in to keep up with what the people want. There are lots of things to think about when adding a new business, for instance if whether or not the business is in the right spot and whether or not this is a high demanded business for both customers and workers.

## Chipotle

Last February, Chipotle announced that it will be adding a location in Grand Island. Chipotle is a Mexican grill that offers a variety of different hispanic foods, such as it's burritos. Chipotle will be placed in what was previously Firehouse Subs located on State Street. This will be the 11th Chipotle introduced in Nebraska with a completion date yet to be determined.



## Dunkin' Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts is coming to town and just in time for a new trending drink called "The Charli", named after TikTok Star Charli D'amelio. Grand Island residents will now be able to taste the drink for themselves. Dunkin' Donuts is being placed in the location of what was previously Fazoli's. The construction is thought to be built and ready to go by Thanksgiving.



## Chuckwagon BBQ and Bypi

Two combinations that normally wouldn't go together are becoming one in a new restaurant "Chuckwagon BBQ and Bypi."

The restaurant will be a two-in-one, serving barbeque and pizza. Chuckwagon BBQ and Bypi will be placed in what was previously Amigos on South Locust Street after it closed on June 26. Completion of the building is expected by the end of November.

*Pictures obtained from The Independent*

# Things that shouldn't be political

By Danyka Galvan

In today's society, we are seeing a rise in political opinion. We are labeling and putting each other into political categories and judging for what people believe in. However, there should be no room for judgment. If somebody believes in climate change, our society automatically categorizes them as liberal. If one chooses not to support abortion we automatically label them as conservative. There are many positive outcomes to making a few of these things less political.

## Climate action would provide...

- Would have cleaner air to breath
- Safer drinking water
- Improved citizen health
- Improved animal health

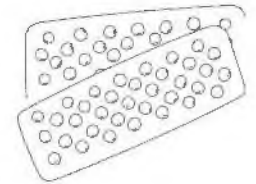


## Housing for all would...

- Fulfills human need for shelter
- Would prevent homelessness
- Provide better health for citizens
- Allow more focus on other costs

## Access to birth control would...

- Keeps the separation of church and state
- Would reduce unplanned pregnancies
- Provide educational opportunities for young women



## Free health care would...

- Improve child health
- Save lives
- Keep families' income stable

## Religious freedom would...

- Keep the government less powerful
- Maintain the separation of church and state
- Protect everyone whether religious or not



*Photos courtesy of @shegotthepink*



# Procrastination: I'll think of a headline later

By Areya Starke

Opportunities, goals and the future ahead is put on hold. Caught in a fantasy, when needing to be in reality, the here and now. Procrastination. It isn't a unique character flaw. Many individuals, men more than women, struggle with the same issue of putting off important tasks.

Procrastination is a complex phenomenon with four primary factors that contribute to it. According to Nick Wignall in his article *The 4 Causes of Procrastination According to Research Post Date*, people who experience a lack of decision making, difficulty doing routine activities, high impulsiveness and a long delay between tasks can be struggling with this bad habit. It's a dance between the amygdala (part of the brain that feels emotions) and the limbic system (controls both behavior and emotions), the emotional brain and the prefrontal cortex. As stated by Harvard Business Review in January of 2006, when procrastinating, believe it or not, the brain goes to a happy place. What's really happening is the brain trying to avoid the matters at hand.

"For some reason picking up my pencil and opening my chromebook is so hard to do," said senior Allison O'Connell. "I tend to find myself convincing my brain that sleeping will magically take away all my problems, but in reality I wake up with more stress and piled up homework than ever."

Younger individuals really don't see the level of importance of

every task. People between the ages of 14 - 29 years old, are the ones who have the most trouble in this area, according to PLoS One, a scientific journal, on February 12, 2016.

Ways to overcome this habit are finding motivation, ignoring distractions and figuring out why this happens. There are many different ways to battle procrastination and eliminate stress and other emotions. These include breaking larger jobs into manageable sections, writing down a to-do list to complete, making sure to prioritize the hardest task first and reward oneself.

Andrew Manhart, the school counselor, concludes with this statement "Get it done, and keep that inner motivation to be prepared for the next situation."



*Photo Courtesy of Procrastination.com*

## History of Hanukkah

By Madeline Stratman



The holiday season, commonly recognized for Christmas, is a season with many celebrations such as Hanukkah.

According to modern historians' interpretations in the I Maccabees, the celebration of Hanukkah was instituted by Judas Maccabeus in 165 BCE to celebrate victory over the Syrian King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who invaded Judea, tried

to spread his culture and dishonored the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

With his victory, Maccabeus declared a cleansing and restoration of the temple. After being purified, an altar was put in and devoted on December 11. Maccabeus stated that the dedication of the restored temple will be shown by the celebration for eight days every year. Hanukkah became the celebration of this dedication.

According to the Talmud, a central text of Judaism, during the rededication of the Second Temple, Maccabeus and the other Jews who took part of it, witnessed what they thought was a miracle. There was enough untainted olive oil to keep a menorah burning for a single day,

but it kept lit for eight nights, leaving them to find a clean supply of food and water. The event inspired the Jewish sages to state that there would be a yearly eight-day festival: Hanukkah.

To celebrate it, they would light the Hanuakkiah or menorah, which has nine candles to resemble one for each night of Hanukkah and an extra candle to light the others.

Modern-day families also play the dreidel game. A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with Hebrew letters (Nun, Gimel, Hey or Chai and Shin) on the surfaces. The letters create an acronym for the Hebrew saying "Nes Gadol Hayah Shan," which means "a great miracle happened there," referencing the miracle that Hanukkah is centered on.

Another tradition is to eat certain foods that have been fried in oil to commemorate the miracle of Maccabees' long-burning oil. For example, they would eat sufganiyot, similar to jelly donuts, and latkes, which are fried potato pancakes.

With historical knowledge and an understanding of what the Jewish traditions are, hopefully people will normalize the idea that society can celebrate Hannuakkah and study the Jewish religion.



# Grande's latest release

By Meghan Pennell

On October 30, Ariana Grande released her sixth studio album "Positions," her third album release in the span of three years. After its predecessors "Sweetener" and "Thank U, Next," this album had big shoes to fill. It wasn't exactly what I was expecting, but it wasn't exactly bad either.

Beginning with "Shut Up," a song stating Grande likes what she makes, sets a tone of confidence and self-assurance for the whole album.

Next on the tracklist is "Motive (featuring Doja Cat)." I had much higher expectations for this song, to be honest. I wasn't exactly thrilled with this track, considering both Grande and Doja have had such groundbreaking successes. It seemed very predictable and repetitive, and Doja's verse didn't really add anything Grande could have done herself. "My Hair" was a pleasant surprise. With a very old-school kind of sound and bass pattern, this song was fun and playful and matched the sound of other songs on the album, including "Love Language" and "Obvious." The song "ov" was definitely the showstopper of the album. It felt the most honest and the most like her specific genre of music without sounding repetitive or tacky.

"Off the Table" (with The Weeknd) was the highly-anticipated return of the duo after their song "Love Me Harder" in 2014. This was really the first track on the album that impressed me. It had the same dream-like sound and deep synths that Grande's music usually has, but

felt a lot more genuine and honest than every song proceeding this one.

I think the songs "Nasty," "West Side," "Six Thirty" and "Safety Net," were not very thrilling. Much like the song "34+35," these seemed not as honest as a lot of her more recent work. Considering Grande is nearing 30, I would have expected songs with more explicit themes, but these seem to have no sincerity in them. To be fair, I don't think I, or any highschooler, is necessarily her target audience with this album.

Overall, I would have just expected a little more from Grande.

Compared to some of her previous work, a lot of songs on this album felt really fake, and, honestly, kind of stupid. There only seemed to be three or four songs I really enjoyed on the first listen and will probably actually listen to going forward, but that could be because of the overall explicit themes that run throughout the course of the album. Despite some boring songs, it is undeniable that Grande has created her own genre and sound.



## The unsolved case of "Jack the Ripper"

By Madeline Stratman

On August 31, 1888 at 3:40 a.m. in the Whitechapel area of London, the body of Mary Ann Nichols was found by Charles Cross, a cart driver, in front of the entrance to the stable on Buck's Row. Cross thought she was drunk, but then he noticed her throat was deeply and savagely cut.

This was the first kill of five from the famous "Jack the Ripper," all in the year of 1888.

After the police arrived, Nichols was deemed murdered. The autopsy concluded that she was dead for half an hour before being found, which meant that Cross had just missed the murder.

On September 8, at around 6 a.m., John Davis, an elderly resident, called over two men to follow him to his own backyard. The men found the second body, that of Annie Chapman. Chapman had the same cut on her throat, a beaten face and hands covered in blood; all the signs of a struggle. Later on, the autopsy revealed that the killer had also cut out Chapman's womb.

Officers started asking nearby sex co-workers if they knew anything; and their answers led them to someone nicknamed "Leather Apron," who was threatening to murder them unless the workers hand-

ed over their money. Later on, John Pizer, a bootmaker who went by the nickname, was found and arrested. Pizer soon provided alibis of the two murders and was released.

Later, Elizabeth Stride was found on September 30 with teeth missing in her lower jaw. The same day, Catherine Eddowes was found with her kidney removed. The last case was Mary Jane Kelly found on November 9 with her abdomen removed, along with her thighs. Every victim had a cut to the throat, and victims were known as sex workers in the Whitechapel area.

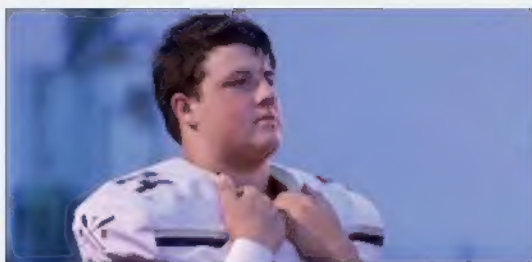
The autopsies made officers think that the killer had knowledge of the human body and was deemed an opportunist killer who didn't know his victims. "Jack the Ripper" is also thought to be a person who worked alone. Police had many false leads, especially when someone, who coined the nickname, sent letters to the Central News Agency boasting about the killings.

The "Jack the Ripper" case is thought to be one of the most famous unsolved mysteries in crime to this day. The identity of the killer is still unknown, but online theories are attracting people to search for an answer.



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Meghan Pennell



## WILL DAWS

**What's the worst part of being a senior?**  
"Probably the thought process of this being my last year."

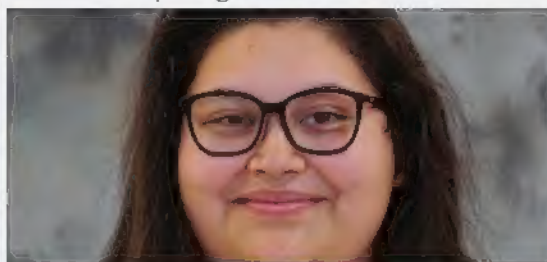
**Favorite high school memory?**  
"Memories on and off the football field with the amazing players and coaches."

**What are your plans after high school?**  
"Still trying to figure it out."

**What advice would you give to underclassmen?**  
"Stay on your grades and give 110 percent in all extra activities you do both in and out of school."

**Do you feel senioritis? What's that like?**  
"Not really because I recently moved here, and I'm enjoying my experience at Northwest."

*Photo Courtesy of Will Daws*



## JADIE DURYEE

**What's the worst part about being a senior?**  
"Just not being done yet."

**What is your favorite high school memory?**  
"Definitely orchestra concerts and music theory class."

**What are your plans after high school?**  
"I plan on going to a four-year college and majoring in music performance."

**What advice would you give to underclassmen?**  
"Don't be afraid to be outgoing and try and make new friends."

**Do you ever feel senioritis? What's that like?**  
"Yes. It's just a readiness to leave."

*Photo Courtesy of Jadie Duryee*



## CHRISTIAN MOLINA

**What's the worst part about being a senior?**  
"Having to work on scholarships and college applications."

**What is your favorite high school memory?**  
"My freshman year, the Doods made finals in Gretna, or the competition at Senior High last year."

**What are your plans after high school?**  
"I'm going into computer programming at the University of Wyoming."

**What advice would you give to underclassmen?**  
"Try as many things as possible."

**Do you ever feel senioritis? What's that like?**  
"I really did junior year. It's hard to finish strong when you don't really want to."

*Photo Courtesy of Christian Molina*

## In the news...

By Danyka Galvan

- The GIPS district is extending their Thanksgiving vacation for a mental health break. With COVID-19 this year, stress is seen to be affecting students and staff. The vacation will now last 10 days; students and staff will return December 1. It is presumed that GIPS students will also be attending online classes 2 weeks after returning from their extended break.
- Grand Island resident Clinton Garno is facing 39 charges for sending a suspicious package to the Grand Island Hall County Election Commission. Another charge is accounting for his threatening actions of placing a false bomb. In the end the package was determined not hazardous.

- Nancy Pelosi became Speaker of The House in 2016 and is planning to continue into a second term next year. Pelosi is looking for support into the transition of another term. As Speaker of The House, Pelosi's roles include determining when a bill will reach the floor and ensuring that the House passes legislation supported by the majority.
- The City of Grand Island is prepping for snow removal. Mayor Roger Steele stated that the plans have been in place for months now. The goals for snow management is to keep the roads prioritized by which roads will be used the most throughout the day, especially right away in the morning.

- With 270 votes needed and 3 states left to win, Joe Biden leads the election with 290 electoral votes. Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan are three states that claimed Trump into presidency in 2016. Democrats celebrated their victory while Donald Trump and his supporters contested the statistics.
- 2020 is now the most active hurricane season on record with 29 named subtropical storms announced this year. Subtropical storm "Theta" formed Monday night November 9, breaking the record for the most active season. However, "Theta" is expected to stay in the water, never making contact with any land.



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